

CALM OF FRANCE SPELLS DEFEAT FOR HUN BULLY

Bragging of Germans Does
Not Affect the French
Spirit.

HAND WRITING ON WALL

Determination Everywhere
Impressed Chesters in
Their Observations.

The days of the German are numbered, and he knows it. writes George Randolph Chester in this, the tenth of the Chester series on France Today. Chester, the world's greatest reporter and the author of the famous "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" stories, and his wife and collaborator, Lillian Chester, went to France to tell this story of France Today exclusively for The West Virginian and other members of the Newspaper Enterprise Association. The Chester articles are exclusive in The West Virginian.

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PARIS, Feb. 28.—Roses grow in the south of France. In the shelter of the green hills, where summer hides until she can once more spread her fairy carpet over the world, and deck it with bright colors, the gay blossoms cluster against garden walls and clamber over quaint trellises and nod from the very wayside.

A road winds down along the sea, and twists among the cliffs, and up there gleam white chateaux, red-roofed and yellow-roofed, amid the oddly mingled palms and pines. Along the road the finest of horses, drawing the gauntest and tallest of carts, comes plodding patiently, its bells tinkling and its driver, a wide-cheeked fellow with a pipe in his mouth and a peppermint stripe across the end of his muffer, sits in drowsy content, the reins dangling loose.

A bright-eyed old woman steps briskly along, a wicker basket on her arm; a sturdy peasant girl with a push cart; a boy racing with a dog; just enough movement to give life to the restful panorama.

Out there the deep blue water, held lovingly in the arm of a green-shouldered promontory, and spreading beyond to a blue infinity. The waves tumble merrily in on the beach, sparkling and flashing in the sunlight, and tossing their dainty caps of pearl on the sand with reckless extravagance.

A few gulls ride fat-breasted on the water, bobbing like corks; a few others circle lazily in the air; and above all, over gulfs and sea and beach and winding road, cart, old woman, girl and boy and dog, roses and green old hills and white chateaux, there hangs a serene blue sky, deep, fathomless, with only here and there a flock of fleecy cloud to make the blue more vivid.

Oh, it is a beautiful world, beautiful! And to think that all this glorious Paradise was given to man to be his lord and master, given to him that he might enjoy and live in peace and plenty.

But what is that new movement on the road among the hills? Something gray passes there; a big covered wagon; another, another, a long procession of them.

Ambulances, for up in the hills there are the hospitals for convalescent wounded.

War! The whole dream, the vision of peace and plenty, the thought of thanksgiving for the gift of all this beauty of sea and sky and shifting, breathing life, fades away.

War! There is war in the world, a war so colossal, so far-reaching, that no human being, even in the most sequestered spot of this terrestrial universe, can be free from its deadening touch.

A sudden rage fills the heart. Why should there be war; this war; any war?

Why where all nature is devoted to the business of living, and blossoming into beauty, should human kind have suddenly fallen upon itself to maim and mangle and destroy?

Why should humanity have risen in one mighty appalling madness to kill itself?

Why should it have bent all its energy, and all its mind, and all the resources of the teeming earth, to the one grisly business of death?

There is no sane mind but that stops, startled, to ask this unanswerable question, no properly constituted soul which does not cry out in agony of passionate protest against this awful condition.

We must stop it! There must be no more war! We rail, for a time, until there comes the chilling thought of the impotence of our fury. What can we do that we are not already doing?

There succeeds a feeling of utter helplessness, a feeling that this ruthless cataclysm of carnage is supernatural in its immensity, and there is a faint moment when one, seeming pitifully small and weak before a monster so gigantic, recoils from the struggle, and would like to creep away into a hole somewhere and numbly exist until the storm has passed.

It is necessary to still that panic of the mind, for it is little less than a panic, a recoil and a quailing of self against a disaster so universal that

GEN. PERSHING AND LLOYD GEORGE AT VERSAILLES



General Pershing, commander of the American forces in Europe, is shown here about to enter his automobile

after a session of the great inter-allied war council at Versailles. David Lloyd George, British premier, has followed Pershing from the council and is seen

on the steps. Lloyd George recently silenced his critics who oppose a unified war direction by asserting that he would resign rather than repudiate

the Versailles policy of a single allied front under a high command, which he believed so vital to the success of the allied arms.

among them being such men as Carl Schurz.

Since the outbreak of the war, the company has been active in securing recruits for the United States Navy and Marine Corps, through the medium of posters distributed through its agencies, and it recently contributed \$10,000 to the American Red Cross.

GEORGETOWN

Mrs. Cora Arnett and daughter, Thelma, were shopping at Fairmont one day last week and while there visited at her cousin's, Mrs. Claude Richmond's at Bellview.

Mrs. Ida Layman and son, Earl, motored down to Jesse Arnett's and spent Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Arnett, of Fairmont, was visiting at James Arnett's Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Arnett and daughter, Thelma, spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thorne at Mt. Hood.

Eugene Arnett, of Monongah, spent Sunday with James Arnett.

Mrs. King, of Riverdale, spent Sunday at James Arnett's.

Mrs. Libbie Lang entertained Mrs. Fisher last Monday.

Rev. H. S. Chapman is holding a

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NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Today, the Germania Fire Insurance company, New York city, one of the oldest insurance companies in America, founded in 1859, changes its name to the National Liberty Insurance company of America. The change in the name, which is the only change affecting the company, which has branches in every state of the Union, was necessitated by the public misinterpretation of the former name, which many persons believed to indicate the company was German in its origin or affiliations. As a matter of fact, the company was founded entirely by Americans and some of the noted men who have served upon its board of directors at various times, include the late Joseph H. Choate, C. Godfrey Gunther, once mayor of New York city, Richard M. Hoe, Marcus L. Ward, former governor of New Jersey, Esnest Hall, former judge of the Supreme Court, and many more of equal prominence. The officers are native Americans, and the funds of the company are invested entirely in American securities.

It is interesting, in connection with the announcement, to note that the company took its original name, "Germania," as a result of the large immigration to America, from 1848 until the outbreak of the civil war of Germany, who took part in the revolution against autocratic rule in their own country, and came to the United States to secure political freedom.

Uncle Sam Housing His Many New Clerks

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The Federal government is not only giving close attention to the matter of the proper housing of its new appointees in Washington, but the general welfare of the employees is now considered in greater measure than ever before. Many of the young people who have come to Washington for war work are hundreds, even thousands, of miles

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series of meetings at Hagans. Miss Ruby Michael, who has been laid up with the mumps, has got well. His sister, Miss Escher, is so afflicted at the present time.

Mrs. Ella Lynch was on the sick list last Saturday and Sunday.

Hueing Groves was a business caller at Morgantown Saturday.

Archie Snider, a soldier at Camp Shelby, Miss., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Snider, on a ten-day furlough.

Hueing Groves spent Sunday evening the guest of Miss Winnie Snider.

Mrs. Cora Thorne spent Monday afternoon and evening at N. E. Fisher's.

E. H. Musgrave has been laid up with grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Youst spent Sunday with Frank Youst at Osgood.

Mrs. Anna Chapman attended the protracted meetings at Hagans four days last week.

Laile Snider, of Fairmont, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Snider.

N. E. Fisher attended the meetings at Hagans and visited Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Cor dray and M. L. Pratt at Hagans.

Mrs. Roxie Hayhurst, of Montana Mines, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Dane Arnett, of Riverdale, spent Sunday at J. D. Michael's.

I. C. and W. M. Ralphsnyder and Miss Isa and Sarah Clark took a hog down to the scales and it tipped the

meat at 359 pounds.

James Arnett is visiting Eugene Arnett at Monongah and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fisher at Lowesville.

Mrs. Cora Arnett was shopping at Morgantown Saturday.

Miss Oma Arnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cole Arnett and William Wruck, of Fairmont, were married Feb-

ruary 15 by Rev. Ewing, of Morgantown. Mr. and Mrs. Wruck will make their future home at Fairmont where Mr. Wruck is employed as a B. & O. engineer.

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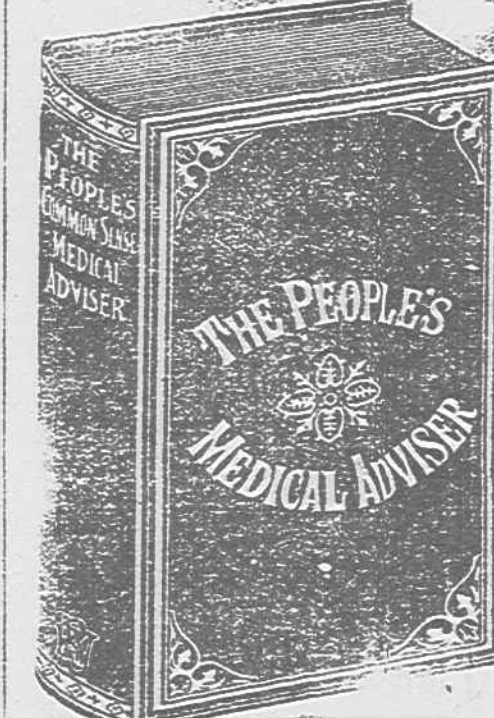
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Hawaiian Musicians appear in native costume at the Grand Opera House, Monday, March 4th at eight P. M.

The date for this performance was changed from February 26th and March 1, as previously announced, to March 4, because of the uncertainty of railroad transportation, and Vierra's Royal Hawaiian Singers and Players will be here without fail March 4th.

They come to us representing the highest type of Hawaiian music, and they bring to us in their songs and musical instruments the kinds of fascination that is found nowhere else in the world. General admission fifty cents. A limited number of reserved seats ten cents. Tickets on sale at A. G. Martin's Book Store, also at box office on evening of performance.